



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
High School Counselors
High School Principals
County and District Superintendents

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SUBJECT: 2018-19 California Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program Update

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces updates to the Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program (Chafee Program). The Commission ran the first 2018-19 award cycle on July 20, 2018 which provided 2,917 students with an award offer.

AB 1811 Trailer Bill

- Pursuant to Assembly Bill 1811, commencing with the 2018-19 award year, the 2018-19 Chafee Grant allocation increased to \$17,703,700.
- Chafee Grant eligibility expanded to include students who have not reached their 26th birthday as of July 1 of the award year.
- Students who have previously applied for a Chafee Grant do not have to reapply.
- Previously age-ineligible participants have been renewed.

Chafee Award and Processing Update

- Federal law now stipulates that Chafee Grant-eligible students may not have participated in the program for more than 5 years (consecutive or not). 42 US Code Section 677(i)(3).
- Any uncertified student that has been on a roster longer than 30 days will become ineligible and these funds will be recycled.
 - The Award Status for these students will change to "Not Awarded – Ineligible" and they will remain on the WebGrants Payment Roster.
 - These awards will be recycled and offered to the next cohort of eligible students to ensure that the awards are fully utilized.
- If a student regains eligibility later, the institution must update their status using the Payment Roster.

Chafee Webinar

- A webinar will be presented in partnership with Foster Youth Success Initiative liaisons, California Department of Social Services staff, and representatives from the John Burton Advocates for Youth, all of which support current and former foster youth. Information on changes to the Chafee Program, eligibility, roster and award processing, and WebGrants training are some of the topics to be discussed. The webinar is scheduled for:

Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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